Dear Mr. Wicker, 10/28/94

In rereading David Wise's The Politics of Lying I read several references to you and some quotes. When near the end I came to the one I quote I was both reminded of you and our correspondence and that I'd never heard from the publisher that he'd sent you proofs, as I'd asked.

"Wicker has argued, Ross wrote on page 309, "that the press has tended, for example, to give too much weight to official sources, and he was right. 'The whole method of news operation,' he said, 'tends to give the government the advantage. Anything that is an institution gets quoted - government, or corporation, or a university. But it's hard to get the other side."

This, in terms of your reputation, is close to what I was trying to get across to you in addition to learning what basis you had for the pre-pub Posner promo.

About 25% of what I wrote was published, with no editing, merely eliminating of most chapters. Neither when I wrote you about Posner's book nor now did of do I ask anything of you.

My own belief is that you proceded on trust in that endorsement of the most unconscionable exploitation and commercialization of that great tragedy that I believe turned this country and the world around. I also believe that while as you said you believed it you had no factual basis for making that judgement.

Posner has a reprint out. Whether or not you take the time to read the enclosed butchery of what I wrote, and after that butchery, having no choice, I did pick up the typos that remain uncorrected, asked for the use of the omitted table of contents and pointed out that they have two different subtitles. No corections were made. They did it on the cheap and I'm not aware of a single ad or promotion or even review copy sent out.

If you do not take the time to read it, as I think your own interest indicates you should, I enclose the only mentions of me in his reprint. I referred to him, using the Random House dictionary, as a shyster, as a literaty theif, as a man who can't tell the truth even by accident and a few other things that would activate and motivate a man with any self respect. I heard not a word from him or from RH or from any lawyer speaking for them. Instead in his reprint he proves all over again that he cannot tell the truth and does not even try. He refers to Case Open as my first book to be publishled commertially. It is the fifth. He has a copy of at least one. He quoted from it in proving that he was a careless liar. Counting reprints it is my 12th commercial publication. If this is all he can say after what he knows very well I said about him, he has given all the unnecessary confirmation anyone could want.

Perhaps if you read this you will understand better that I was trying to call to your attention what could hurt your reputation.

Sincerely,

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